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**'Racists Glad'
Over Death
Of Kennedy**

By *Donovan Bess*
Ralph McGill, the publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, declared here yesterday that many Southern racists are "openly glad" President Kennedy was murdered.

He said one speaker publicly labeled Mr. Kennedy a "tyrant" only a few hours after the assassination.

At a press conference, McGill spoke of the national revulsion against hatred that began with the news from Dallas. But, in a voice full of sorrow, he predicted that hate soon will be rampart again.

AUTHORITY

McGill is the author of "The South and the Southerner," a prize-winning book, and numerous magazine articles that have established him as an authority on Southern problems. His newspaper raises an exceptional voice in the South on behalf of civil rights and constitutional freedom.

The Tennessee-born publisher and columnist muted his anger yesterday while reporting that extremists made anonymous telephone calls to Southern newspaper editors

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to revile the name of Mr. Kennedy after his death.

"Many of them are openly glad of it," he said and recalled that racists also hated President Eisenhower.

HATE

"Now you can see that hate can kill a President," he said, "and that it also can do severe damage to a Nation if there is not full public comprehension of the need to counter it."

McGill said he arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday, November 23, to learn that the White Citizens Council had held a meeting the evening before at which the murdered President was bitterly attacked.

McGill said the speaker at

the public meeting had been the president of the Memphis branch of the Mississippi-based racist council.

"He said the President died a tyrant's death, and that he had done nothing to check communism," McGill reported.

'PSYCHOPATHIC'

The Georgia publisher said he felt Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, "obviously was psychopathic."

McGill argued that extreme fanaticism, on the right or the left, was a manifestation of mental illness. He suggested such extremists actually are "people without a country."

McGill agreed that gener-

ally in the United States. In the past nine days, there has been a moratorium on venomously hateful attacks.

"I hope to God it continues," he said, "but I don't think it will."

McGill predicted that Mr. Johnson will be "less hated" in the South because he was raised in a Southern state. But he emphasized that the President has a solid record of sincere support for civil rights legislation.

FILIBUSTER

The publisher predicted, however, that Southerners in Congress will filibuster the current civil rights bill. But, he added, the assassination "ought to make it easier for President Johnson to steer it through."

McGill cited Mississippi as the worst civil-rights problem facing Mr. Johnson.

"What's Mississippi going to do?" he asked. "This frightens us all in the South—this worries a lot of us."

After observing that "areas like Mississippi look on Washington as the citadel of a foreign power," McGill declared: "I am sure you will see troops again in Mississippi this September."

MALIGNANCY

"I know," he asserted, "that the malignancy of hard-core racism is not going to abate."

McGill held the press conference in offices of the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco, which is sponsoring an address by him tonight at 8 o'clock at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin street.

NYT
McGill Says Callers Reviled Kennedy After His Death

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2 (AP)—Ralph McGill, publisher of The Atlanta Constitution said yesterday that several Southern newspaper editors had received anonymous phone calls reviling President Kennedy after his death.

Mr. McGill said there had been a general moratorium on hateful attacks throughout the United States since the assassination.

"I hope to God it continues," he said, "but I don't think it will."

"I know," he asserted, "that the malignancy of hard-core racism is not going to abate."

He predicted that President Johnson would be "less hated" in the South because of his Southern background. But he also predicted that Southern Senators would filibuster the civil rights bill!

Mr. McGill was in San Francisco to address the Council of Civic Unity.

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San Francisco Chronicle

Walker Talk Canceled

Garden City, N. Y.

A December 9 address by Major General Edwin A. Walker on Long Island has been canceled. L. W. Osterstock, general manager of the Garden City Hotel, said there had been many telephoned protests of the scheduled appearance and some callers voiced threats.

Osterstock said he became concerned about the safety of hotel guests, including Walker.

Sponsoring Walker's appearance was the Long Island Friends of General Walker.
Associated Press

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Soviet Analysts Still Doubt Account of Oswald's Death

Special to The New York Times.
MOSCOW, Dec. 1—Soviet commentators repeated their charge today that President Kennedy had been the victim of a rightist political plot involving many conspirators.

They said that Jack Ruby, Dallas night-club operator, had killed Lee H. Oswald, the accused assassin, to cover the tracks of the real culprit.

How, if not by connivance from high up, could Ruby possibly have penetrated the corridors of the police station? They kept asking.

The commentators may have in mind a curiously similar episode of Soviet history related to them two years ago by Premier Khrushchev.